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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 29TH GA: ROK TALKS WITH UK

1. UK FIRST SECRETARY WESTON HAS INFORMED US OF ROK REQUEST MAR 7 TO FOREIGN OFFICE FOR UK THOUGHTS ON KOREAN QUESTION IN 29TH UNGA. ROK APPROACH, WHICH BASED ON CIRCULAR INSTRUCTION, INCLUDED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. PROSPECT FOR DISCUSSION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THE FORTH-COMING U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
2. POSSIBILITY TO AVOID CONFRONTATION BY VOTE AND TO REACH A CONSENSUS STATEMENT OR SOME OTHER FORM OF COMPROMISE, IN CASE NORTH KOREAN SYMPATHIZERS RAISE THE QUESTION OF DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES IN KOREA.
3. VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND AND NORTH KOREA'S REJECTION OF THE NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY THE ROK.
4. DESIRABILITY OF DISCUSSION ON THE QUESTION OF THE DUAL REPRESENTATION AT U.N. AND CONCLUSION OF NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT.

5. MAIN POINTS FOR OUR RESOLUTION, IF NEED BE
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6. POSSIBLE BRITISH CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENCY OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE.

2. WESTON COMMENTED THAT LAST QUESTION INDICATED ROK EMBASSY LONDON UNFAMILIAR WITH UN SYSTEM SINCE AS PERMANENT MEMBER OF UN, UK AUTOMATICALLY A VICE PRESIDENT OF UNGA AND THEREFORE AN AUTOMATIC MEMBER OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

3. FOREIGN OFFICE RESPONSE, ACCORDING TO WESTON, WAS THAT IT TOO EARLY TO RESPOND TO THESE QUESTIONS. WESTON COMMENTED THAT FCO BELIEVES JULY IS MORE APPROPRIATE TIME TO BEGIN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN QUESTION.

4. ROK UN OBSERVER OFFICE, APPARENTLY ACTING UNDER SAME INSTRUCTION, RAISED SAME QUESTIONS WITH WESTON MAR 19. ROK COUNSELLOR PARK TOLD WESTON THAT ROK ANTICIPATES A SMALL GROUP OF ROK SUPPORTERS WOULD START DISCUSSIONS ON KOREAN QUESTION IN NEW YORK SOON, ALTHOUGH NOT UNTIL ANSWERS TO CIRCULAR RECEIVED AND ROK HAD TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH US. WESTON TOLD PARK THAT LIKE THE FCO HE CONSIDERED IT TOO EARLY TO START NEW YORK DISCUSSIONS ON KOREAN QUESTION AT 29TH GA.

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